

Word Building

1. When a word ends in *e*, drop the *e* when adding *y* or a word ending beginning with a vowel – amaze/amazing confuse/confusing

TRAP

Keep the *e* before adding an ending starting with a consonant.

2. If a word has *one syllable* and ends with a *short vowel + consonant*, double the consonant before adding a word ending beginning with a vowel or the letter *y* – scan/scanning skin/skinny

TRAP

Don't use this rule if the word contains a long vowel sound before the final consonant.

3. If a word consists of *more than one syllable* and ends with a *short vowel + consonant*, you need to consider which syllable is stressed or emphasised. If the final syllable of the base word is stressed, double the consonant before adding a word ending beginning with a vowel or letter *y*. Note the stressed syllable in these words – permitted excelled forgotten

TRAP

Make sure you listen carefully to which syllable is emphasised. If the last syllable is not stressed, do not double the consonant before adding a suffix or word ending. In the following words, the stress is at the beginning of the word – edited orbiting

4. When a word ends with a *consonant + y*, change *y* to an *i* before adding a word ending or suffix – lazy/laziness hurry/hurried

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HAVE A GO! The spelling mistake in each line has been underlined.
Write the correct spelling for each underlined word in the box.

1. Dictionaries are always usful to help with spelling.

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2. I dirtyed my new pants when I tripped over.

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3. You need to screw the lid tightly to stop the water from escapping.

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4. You are forbiden to go there!

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5. I was so happy that I grined from ear to ear!

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6. Harry kept fidgetting because he was nervous.

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7. We enjoy visiteing our cousins in the holidays.

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8. I love decoratting our Christmas tree every year.

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9. Have you eaten all of the strawberrys?

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